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PRESS RELEASE ANNUAL PUBLIC SAFETY YOUTH FISHING DERBY

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The Muskegon, Muskegon Township & N. Muskegon Police and Fire Departments announce the "Annual Public Safety Youth Fishing Derby". This derby is open to youth 8 to 12 years old. Flyers and entry/waiver forms will be made available through the Muskegon, Orchard View and Reeths Puffer Public School Systems as well as N. Muskegon Elementary and at several private schools starting April 28. Entry forms will also be available at the Muskegon & Muskegon Township Police Departments starting April 28. The **derby** will be held on Thursday, **June 12th, 2014** at 4:00 p.m. at Fisherman's Landing. **Youth must be pre-registered in order to participate. Registration ends on June 9th or when the maximum number of entrants has been reached.** There will be awards for largest fish in each age group (8, 9, 10, 11 & 12) as well as door prize drawings and a hot dog roast. The fishing will end at 6:00 p.m. at which time the hotdog roast and prize drawings will begin. Rod & reel combinations will be available to those youth that do not have access to their own fishing equipment. This equipment will be theirs to keep after the event. Those who participated in previous year's derby's and those who have their own equipment may still sign up to participate; however, they will not be eligible for the free equipment. The derby is limited to **200** total participants and registration is on a first come, first served basis. **The entry/waiver forms must be hand delivered to the Muskegon or Muskegon Township Police Department no later than June 9th (do not mail the forms).** Once we have reached the 200 limit we will stop taking entry forms.

It is important that the youth's parents or legal guardians read the flyers and return the completed entry/waiver forms to the Muskegon or Muskegon Township Police Department. Walk-ins on the day of the event will not be allowed. This is a chance to show our youth that there are positive ways in which to spend their time and to provide positive interaction between the youth and their local public safety officials. This event has been a great success in the past and we look forward to another successful derby this year. It should be noted that for this year's event, the youth must use the provided bait so everyone has an equal chance.

We thank the following partners: Muskegon Sport fishing Association, Zebco, Wal-Mart, Plumb's Stores Inc., Snug Harbor Outfitters, Fisherman's Landing, Pulaski Lodge, Viking Lodge (Linne Lodge 57), Trophy House, Fraternal Order of Police, East Side Lions, Cardinal Elementary PTO, Coles Quality Foods, Johnstone Supply, Cinema Carousel and a number of Muskegon Neighborhood Associations as well as the neighborhood volunteers, personnel from the Police and Fire Departments, and other city staff that help make this event possible.

The contact person for this event is;

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